Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to get this information from the Government of India at the earliest possible moment?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We will try. If we succeed, then we will give the information.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* On a point of information Sir. I think these statistics are published in the book on the statistics of the Sea-borne trade in India. Will the Government be pleased at least to subscribe for a copy of that book?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* In fact the Secretariat is subscribing for a copy of that report.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Then Government could have given us a reply. Here you have simply stated, "Government have no information".

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I do not think that that book will give you the information.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know whether Government is giving as much attention to this matter as in the case of the import of uncouponed rubber here?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* In the matter of rubber, probably we may succeed. Our attention in this matter is certainly equal, though not more.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has the Government any idea of the quantity of *copra* imported into Cochin from Ceylon? Is there any method by which they could ascertain the quantity of *copra* imported into Cochin from Ceylon?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We have no information now. But I will get the information.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I know whether Government consider this question to be very important?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes. We consider it to be very very important.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is there not any Customs Report as to the quantity of copra coming from Ceylon into Cochin?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We shall get that information.

RADHALAKSHMIVILASAM SCHOOL—RECOGNITION AND AID

286. Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether recognition and aid have been given to the Radhalakshmi Vilasam School, Trippunittura;

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(*b*) if aid has been allowed, whether it has been allowed to the literary, music and industrial sections also ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, except to the music section.

MATTANCHERI TOWN IMPROVEMENT—FORESHORE SCHEME

287. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) has the attention of the Government been drawn to articles on Mattancheri Town Improvement—the Foreshore Scheme—that appeared in the Cochin Argus of April 29, 1939, and in the Malabar Herald on June 10, 1939;

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to state whether they are prepared to constitute a self-supporting Mattancheri Town Improvement Trust; and

(*i*) invest it with powers of acquisition, sale, renting, plotting, laying out, and otherwise dispose of lands and properties dealt with by it;

(*ii*) give it a cash credit of 5 or 10 lakhs to start work immediately on the fore-shore to lay out the foreshore wall, and wharves alongside it, to lay down a strand and maritime foreshore road, with side-walks and facilities of landing and transport of goods across the fore-shore road to the godowns, etc., for the formation of convenient blocks with roads on all four sides, for building of rat-proof godowns, offices, and living flats, with proper drainage on modern up-to-date sanitary principles for the improvement of the health and well-being of Mattancheri and for beautifying the back-water frontage, and for handling the problem of housing the labourers and poor in the Town ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

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